(b) if so, what are the details thereof;

(c) whether it is a fact that the multinational companies have approached or ready to market the BGH injection to India which would be used for the purpose; and

(d) whether there is any proposal under Government's consideration to manufacture the so-called BGH injection in India in the near future in order to save the foreign exchange to the tune of Rs. 200 crore a year which are likely to be spent on the production of this injection?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (DR. S. VENUGOPALACHARI): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. Ministry of Environment and Forests have given conditional environmental clearance to M/s Eli Lilly Ranbaxy Limited, New Delhi for commercial use of Recombinant Bovine Somatotropin for use in buffaloes in five selected States, subject to clearance by drugs Controller General (India).

(c) and (d) No, Sir.

Allocation of Natural Calamity Fund to Karnataka

1092. SHRI K. RAHMAN KHAN: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the natural calamity fund allocated to Karnataka during 1995-96, 1996-97 and 1997-98;

(b) whether any additional fund has been allocated to the State during these years;

(c) the actual calamity fund released for 1996-97 and 1997-98 till date; and

(d) whether it is a fact that for 1997-98 not a single paisa is released inspite of repeated request from Government of Karnataka; if so, by when it will be released?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (DR. S. VENUGOPALACHARI): (a) to (d) The annual allocation of the State Calamity Relief Fund (SCRF) to different States during the period 1995-96 to 1999-2000 was made by the Tenth Finance Commission. The SCRF is contributed by the Central and the State Governments in the ratio of 75:25 and the Central share is released in four equal quarterly instalments. The SCRF allocation for Karnataka during 1995-96, 1996-97 and 1997-98 are Rs. 39.49 crores, Rs. 41.85 crores and Rs. 44.16 crores respectively. The entire Central share amounting to Rs. 29.62 crores and Rs. 31.69 crores were released during 1995-96 and 1996-97 respectively. During the current year (1997-98), two instalments of Central share of SCRF amounting to Rs. 16.56 crores have so far been released and the remaining to instalments will be released in October, 1997 and January, 1998.

गुजरात में ड्रिप सिंचाई योजना के लिये धनराशि आबंटित किया जाना

1093. **श्री गोपाल सिंह जी० सोलंकी:** क्या कृषि मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) वर्ष 1994-95 और 1995-96 के दौरान ड्रिप सिंचाई योजना के लिये गुजरात को कितनी धनराशि आबंटित की गई;

(ख) क्या राज्य सरकार ने आबंटन में वृद्धि करने के लिए मांग की है;

(ग) यदि हां, तो तत्संबंधी ब्यौरा क्या है;

(घ) क्या धनराशि के उपयोग के बारे में गुजरात सरकार से कोई रिपोर्ट मांगी गई है;

(ङ) यदि हां, तो क्या राज्य सरकार ने अपनी रिपोर्ट प्रस्तुत कर दी है; और

(च) इस प्रयोजनार्थ राज्य सरकार को कितनी अतिरिक्त धनराशि आबंटित की गई?

कृषि मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (डा० एस० वेणुगोपालाचारी): (क) गुजरात राज्य को ड्रिप सिंचाई योजना के कार्यान्वयन के लिये 1994-95 और 1995-96 के दौरान क्रमशः 187.50 लाख रुपए और 303.19 लाख रुपए की राशि आबंटित की गई।